



Provo Canyon Construction Project Update



Provo River-Jordan River Parkway Trail

In 1993 and 1994 Utah State Parks and Recreation developed a vision for linking the Provo River Trail (in Utah and Wasatch Counties), the Jordan River Trail (in Salt Lake and Utah Counties), and the Union Pacific Rail Trail (in Summit County) into a grand loop through Salt Lake, Utah, Wasatch, Summit, Weber, and Davis Counties. The ultimate project proposed 150 to 200 miles of continuous, non-motorized trails that could be utilized by a variety of users. A portion of this trail will be constructed as part of the current Provo Canyon Construction Project. This portion is both a continuation of the Provo River Trail and a key part of the vision developed in 1993.



Mountain Land Association of Governments (MAG) and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) decided to include the trail in the Environmental Impact Statement that was conducted for roadway improvements in the canyon. In 2005, the first phase of the trail, approximately 8 miles, was constructed between Soldier Hollow and Deer Creek Dam. The second phase, which is approximately 3.5 miles, will be constructed at the end of the current construction project. It will extend from the Deer Creek Dam to Ault's Bridge, where it will end for the time being. A gap of about 1.25 miles will remain between where the existing Provo River Trail ends at Vivian Park, and where the new trail will begin at Ault's Bridge. MAG, UDOT, and Utah State Parks are working to find a way to link the two trails together. However, due to the narrowness of the canyon and the proximity to the existing highway, the Provo River, and the Heber Valley Railroad, no practical solution has yet been reached. The link between the two trails is on hold for now until new solutions and additional funding become available.

Fourth of July Schedule

Construction in the canyon will stop on Friday, June 30th at 12:00 noon. The canyon will remain open Friday, June 30th through Tuesday, July 4th. Canyon closures will resume on Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00 p.m. The canyon will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, July 6th and 7th from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each night.

Nighttime Canyon Closures

Nightly canyon closures take place Sunday through Thursday nights between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. At this time, the five nights a week canyon closures are scheduled to be complete this summer/early fall (weather permitting). Full closures or 30 minute delays may also be necessary from time to time on Friday or Saturday nights. This will ensure that the project continues to move forward and is completed on time. Barring emergency situations, a minimum of 48 hours advanced notice will be given in the event that the highway will be closed on a Friday or Saturday night.

After that time, motorists can expect 30 minute travel delays Sunday through Thursday nights between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Intermittent canyon closures may be necessary from time to time throughout the remainder of the project. The following information outlets are updated on a regular basis to provide information regarding highway closures and other construction activities:

- Project Web Site: www.udot.utah.gov/provo-canyon
- Project Information Line (toll free, 24-hour): (888) 517-8401
- Electronic signs near the project, and along U.S. 40 and I-15
- Project Highway Advisory Radio: 1530 AM or 1300 AM

For the latest Provo Canyon Project construction activities, please visit:

www.udot.utah.gov/provo-canyon

Or call the 24-hour automated project information line at:
1-888-517-8401